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20. A decorative material, comprising:
a polarizer having a controlled direction of polarization axis;
a reflecting layer; and
at least one phase-shifting plate placed between the polarizer and the reflecting layer,
wherein the phase-shifting plate represents a continuous layer of an optically anisotropic material
containing regions differing by optical properties.

Please add the following new claims:

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21. The decorative material of claim 11, wherein the continuous layer of the optically
anisotropic material contains regions differing by value of phase shift.

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22. The decorative material of claim 11, wherein the continuous layer of the optically
anisotropic material contains regions differing by direction of optical axis.

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23. The decorative material of claim 11, wherein the continuous layer of the optically
anisotropic material contains regions differing by value of phase shift and direction of optical
axis.

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24. The decorative material of claim 20, wherein the continuous layer of the optically
anisotropic material contains regions differing by value of phase shift.

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25. The decorative material of claim 20, wherein the continuous layer of the optically
anisotropic material contains regions differing by direction of optical axis.

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26. The decorative material of claim 20, wherein the continuous layer of the optically
anisotropic material contains regions differing by value of phase shift and direction of optical
axis.

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 19-20 are amended to more definitely recite the present invention. New
Claims 21-26 are added. Claims 1-26 are pending in this application.

The first inventor's name shown in the Office action is incorrect. Please change the
inventor's last name to Bobrov as requested in the response to the first Office action submitted
on November 5, 2001.

Specification:

The informalities in the specification have been corrected as shown in the attached pages.